and adjacent NCR areas so that combined efforts of the DMRC and Indian Railways could contribute significantly towards lessening the woes of daily passengers in Delhi and NCR;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made of the increasing daily passenger traffic from NCR and outskirts of NCT; and

(c) whether the existing trains on these routes required introduction of additional trains?

THE MINISTER.OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no proposal at present to introduce additional trains on these routes.

Overhauling of infrastructure

2067. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is planning a major overhaul of its infrastructure during the Eleventh Plan and increase freight business to 1,100 million tonnes by 2011-12 and 8,400 million pasengers;

(b) whether his Ministry has agreed to the Finance Ministry's proposal to involve private funds in its ambitious Rs. 22,000 crores dedicated freight corridor;

(c) whether modernizing infrastructure would forward railway's remarkable turnaround and would also help railways become the country's main transporter by reducing the unit cost of transportation; and

(d) by when the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. Capacity augmentation of the network and increased rolling stock production is planned to cater to the growth.

(b) The Dedicated Freight Corridor Project is proposed to be financed through a mix of internal generation, market borrowings, budgetary and non-budgetary resources including multilateral and bilateral funding such as by Japanese Government under Special Terms of Economic Partnership (STEP) Scheme.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Eleventh Five Year Plan is under finalization.

Train from Delhi to cities of Rajasthan

†2068. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two trains Udaipur-Delhi *via* Ajmer-Jaipur, 9615/9616 and 4743/4744 Chittor-Ajmer-Phulera-Delhi were running prior to gauge conversion besides it Jaipur-Ajmer-Chittor-Purna was running for Jaipur;

(b) whether it is also a fact that not a single train is available for Jaipur-Delhi *via* Chittor-Bhilwara-Ajmer since 5th Juiy, 2007;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Railways propose to operate trains immediately for Jaipur and Delhi at Chittor- Bhilwara-Ajmer-Jaipur section as they were running in the past; and

(d) if not, whether at least one train would be operated to save the passengers from inconvenience?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. ELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no proposal to introduce a train between Delhi and Chittaurgarh *via* Jaipur-Ajmer-Bhilwara due to operational and resource constraints. However, passengers intending to travel between Delhi and Chittaurgarh/Bhilwara *via* Jaipur can do so with a change over at Ajmer.

Poor amenities at railway stations

2069. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIHARISHRAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is cognizant of the poor amenities at the railway stations;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is planning public-private partnership in providing and maintenance of passenger amenities;

(c) if so, when such policy enunciated;

(d) whether relevant guidelines on the public-private partnership have been issued;

(e) if so, the details of obligations and revenue sharing arrangements under such partnership;

(f) how many private players have expressed interests in such partnership; and

(g) where have such partnership been operationalised, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. Passenger amenities have been provided at railway stations as per norms and are in satisfactory condition.

(b) Yes, Sir. Twenty two (22) metro and mini-metro railway stations have been identified for redevelopment as world class stations.

(c) In Supplementary Budget (Railways) 2005-06, policy on redevelopment of metro and mini-metro railway stations as world class stations was enunciated.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) to (g) Do not arise.

Upgradation/rehabilitation of bridges

2070. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not been able to meet the annual targets set for the upgradation/rehabilitation of bridges despite downgrading the annual targets;